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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS - CASE OF MARIA MERCEDES ESPINOLA
IN RESPONSE TO A RECENT INQUIRY CONCERNING MARIA MERCEDES ESPINOLA, OCIP'S COL. MAYNARD ON MARCH 5 GAVE THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ESPINOLS WAS ARRESTED AUGUST 5, 1977. SHE WAS INDICTED THE FOLLOWING MONTH FOR "MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION", IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ACTIVITIES IN THE PROSCRIBED URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (UJC) DATING FROM 1975. NO VERDICT OR FINAL SENTENCE HAS YET BEEN HANDED DOWN IN HER CASE. ESPINOLA IS DEFENDED BY DR. ENRIQUE MORAS, A PRIVATE LAWYER. SHE IS CURRENTLY CONFINED IN PUNTA RIELES WOMEN'S PRISON IN MONTEVIDEO. SHE SUFFERS FROM SPINAL PROBLEMS AND IS UNDER THE REGULAR CARE OF A PRISON PHYSICIAN, WHO HAS ALREADY VISITED HER ON MORE THAT 35 OCCASIONS.
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